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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Please enter this communication in the above-referenced Application before substantive examination.

REMARKS:

The present Application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 10/065,735 ("the parent Application"). Claims 1-60 are pending. Claims 1, 29, and 46 are independent.

In the parent Application, a number of the claims were rejected based upon several prior art references. Particularly, claims 1-4, 15-17 and 28 of the parent Application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by the Flaherty et al. '464 patent. Claims 12 and 18-27 of the parent Application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Flaherty et al. '464 patent in view of a number of secondary references.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims pending in the present application are patentably distinguishable over the prior art references cited in the parent Application.